

# Lessons In Freedom

## History Makers, Part 2

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*"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come."*

1 Corinthians 10:11

1. JOSHUA IS AN EXAMPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_

*...the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. Those seven nations are larger and stronger than you are.*

Deuteronomy 7:1 NIV

*"Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:6-9 NLT

*Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"*

*"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come."*

Joshua 5:13-14

**(God)** *I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses... No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you... Meditate on [my word] day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

**(Joshua)** *Not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.*

Joshua 1:3-5, 8, 23:14

2. SAMSON IS A WARNING ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_

*"He awoke from his sleep and thought, 'I'll go out as before and shake myself free.' But he did not know that the Lord had left him."*

Judges 16:20

3. SAUL IS A WARNING ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_

*But Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."*

1 Samuel 15:22-23

4. DAVID IS AN EXAMPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love... Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight... Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow... Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

Psalms 51:1-12

*Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped...*

*"While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept... But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back to life?"*

*"Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon."*

Samuel 12:20-24

When you're grieving...

- Accept what cannot be changed.
- Recommit yourself to God.
- Focus on what's left, not what's lost.

*\*All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*